

WALL ST. MARKET

PRICES LOWER AT OPENING IN NEW YORK TODAY

Some Advances Recorded in a Few Issues, However, But United States Steel and Anaconda Copper Off 5-8 and 7-8, Respectively.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Opening prices on the stock exchange today were lower for the most part, with some advances in a few issues.

U. S. Steel opened at 119 1/4, off 1/4; Anaconda Copper, 53 1/2, off 1/4; Union Pacific, 135, off 1/4; Reading, 94, off 1/4. Industrial Alcohol, 12 1/2, up 1/4. Trading later was extremely dull and uninteresting save for a few issues. Most prominent among these was industrial alcohol which sold up over 4 points in connection with dividend rumors. Ohio Gas and American Sugar were also featured. Pittsburgh Coal and Lackawanna Steel were reactionary. The most active speculative favorites ruled dull and narrow within fractional limits.

Today's Quotations. Quotations today up to 1:30 o'clock were as follows:

Alaska G.O.	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4
Al Can Mfr.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Am Bt Sug.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Am Ag. Cmp.	102	102	102	102
Am Can.	45	45	45	45 1/2
Am Can. pf.	108	108	108	108
Am Can. Fdy.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Am H. & L.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Am H. & L. pf.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
A. Ice Sec.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Am Lined.	20	20	20	20 1/2
Am Lin. pf.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Am Loco.	70	70	70	70 1/2
Am Smelt.	104	104	104	104 1/2
Am Smelt pf.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am Sm-Seeb.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
A. Smt. pf. Bt.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Am Sugar.	113	113	113	113 1/2
Am Sug. pf.	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Am T. & T.	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
A. T. & T. pf.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Am Wool.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
A Wool pf.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Am Wr. pf.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Anaconda.	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	102	102	102	101 1/2
A. T. & S. F. pf.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
At. C. L. & N.	115	115	115	115 1/2
At. C. L. & N. pf.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Bald. Loco.	68	68	68	68 1/2
Bald. & Ohio.	76	76	76	76 1/2
Barrett.	115	115	115	115 1/2
Beth Steel.	140	140	140	140 1/2
Bet. St. B.	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Bikyn R. T.	68	68	68	68 1/2
Butte Sup.	47	47	47	47 1/2
Cal. Petm.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Can. Pac.	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2
Can. Lethr.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Cer. de P. Cop.	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Chi. G. W. pf.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Chi. G. W. pf.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Chi. N. W.	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
CM&St. P.	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Chile Cop.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Chino Cop.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
CCC&St. L. pf.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Col. F. & E.	47	47	47	47 1/2
Col. G. & E.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Corn Prod.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Corn. Gas.	121	121	121	121 1/2
C. O. L. & P.	123	123	123	123 1/2
Crop Can.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Cru. Steel.	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Cuba Cane.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Cuba C. pf.	91	91	91	91 1/2
D. & R. G. pf.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Det. E. R. & T.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Det. U. R.	115	115	115	115 1/2
Dist. Sec.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Driggs S.	55	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Erie.	26	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Gen. Elec.	165	165 1/2	165 1/2	165 1/2
G. Mot. new.	119	121	119	120
G. M. pf. new.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Goodrich.	56	56	56	56 1/2
Granby.	85	85	85	85 1/2
Greene C.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
GT Nor. pf.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
G. Ore.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Gulf S. S.	123	123	123	123 1/2
Inspiration.	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Int. Ag. Ch.	17	17	17	17 1/2
Int. Ag. C. pf.	42	42	42	42 1/2
Int. N. L.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Int. Paper.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Int. Pap. pf.	98	98	98	98 1/2
Int. Pap. pf. C.	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Inter. C.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Kelly Sp. T.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Kennecott.	45	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Lack St. L.	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
L. E. & W. pf.	40	40	40	40 1/2
Lee Tire.	22	22	22	22 1/2
Lehigh V.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Mackay P.	64	64	64	64 1/2
Marine.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Mar. pf.	75	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Max. Mot.	55	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Max. M. pf.	71	71	71	71 1/2
Mex. Pet.	88	88	87 1/2	87 1/2
Miami Cop.	41	41 1/2	40 1/2	41
Mo. Pa. pf.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Mt. Levee.	22	22	22	22 1/2
Nat. Biscuit.	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Nat. Bisc. pf.	124	124	124	124 1/2
Nat. L. d. pf.	111	111	111	111 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
New Cons.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
N. Y. Air. Brk.	145	145	145	145 1/2
N. Y. & W.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
N. Y. H. & H.	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
N. Y. N. H.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Nor. Pac.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
O. G. Gas.	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Owens B. M.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
P. & F. Sup. Co.	51	51 1/2	51	51
P. M. pf.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Penn. R. R.	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Peat. East.	10	10	10	10 1/2
Phila. C. Co.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Pitt. C. Co.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Pub. Ser.	127	127	127	127 1/2
Pullman.	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2
Pre. S. C. p.	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Ray Cons.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Read Steel.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Reading.	94	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Royal Dutch.	64	64	63 1/2	63 1/2
Seab. d. A. L.	14	14	14	14 1/2
Seas. A. L. pf.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Seas. A. L. pf.	230 1/2	230 1/2	230 1/2	230 1/2
Shattuck.	29	29	28 1/2	28 1/2
Sloss-Shef.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
South Pac.	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
South Ry.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2

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NEWS FOR INVESTORS

American Sugar Reports Gain.

Net earnings of \$13,703,443.56 for the year 1916, as compared with \$6,184,720.69 in 1915, are shown in the annual report of the American Sugar Refining Company, made public today. Of this amount profits from operations amounted to \$9,758,379.42, as compared with \$2,991,465.31 in 1915.

After paying regular dividends of \$6,290,972, applying \$2,000,000 to depreciation, and renewals, and adding \$3,383,562.09 to its reserve, the company added \$2,019,909.47 to its surplus. The company's exports of refined cane sugar for 1916 amounted to 703,885 tons, which is an increase of about 100 per cent as compared with 400,000 in 1915.

The total turnover of the company's business for the year amounted to approximately \$200,000,000, so that the manufacturing profit amounted to only about 4 per cent. This is a profit far below that ordinarily obtaining in manufacturing enterprises, and was made possible only by manufacturing on a large scale and by continuous operation of its refineries, the report states.

Pittsburgh Coal Earns 9.52 Per Cent.

Net earnings of \$5,692,799 for the year 1916, as compared with \$4,219,837 in 1915, are shown in the annual report of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. After charging \$2,064,219 to depreciation and reserve account, and adding \$384,056 to its reserve, the company has a balance of \$3,143,626. This is equal to 9.52 per cent on the \$32,000,000 preferred stock, compared with 6.1 per cent earned last year on \$27,071,000 preferred stock.

To Continue 10 Per Cent Dividend.

No change in the present dividend rate of 10 per cent of the Lehigh Valley railroad, as expected by investors, was announced today by the company's board of directors when they met March 12. The road has earned its dividend requirements to date, notwithstanding increased expenses which all roads have experienced recently.

Tobacco Company Earns 25 Per Cent.

After paying bond interest and preferred dividends, a balance of \$3,813,293, equivalent to 25.18 per cent on the \$15,155,000 common stock, is shown in the annual report of the P. Lorillard Company. This compares with